

Dear FCC,
I'm writing about XM radio and the NAB petition 04-160 to limited local content on XM radio.

I urge you to reject NAB petition 04-160. XM radio is great. Even better, in a city like Houston with choking traffic, receiving continuous local traffic while on the road is worth every penny of what I pay for satellite radio.

The local, non-satellite stations do not get the job done in this area. It's nearly impossible to find a timely traffic report on normal broadcast radio. You have to listen to a ton of commercials, drive time talk shows and other stuff you are not looking for. If you change channels trying to find the traffic, you end up tuning in just as the report is over.

In addition, broadcast radio traffic is not nearly as comprehensive, not as current, and gives far fewer details and usually devotes about 20 seconds to the traffic report.

With XM radio, I push one button and within a minute or two I am assured of getting a detailed traffic report from beginning to end, covered every major highway as well as miscellaneous traffic accidents on the side roads around the city. In the few months this has been available it has saved me a huge amount of time and gas by helping me avoid accidents, taking alternate routes or making sure that I'm in the lane of the free that isn't blocked with an accident or construction.

Please reject this petition and keep this valuable public and community service.

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